

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: #52

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SUBJECT(S): Calendar Events, BBI Questions and CYBER BITS

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1. Upcoming Events:

a. Howard County BRAC Task Force Meeting:

- i. Date: 9 September, 3:30 to 5:00 PM
- ii. Location: Room #5 of the Howard County Columbia Gateway Building, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD
- iii. Agenda: Presentations from the Lessons Learned and Family Support Committees and an update on the BRAC Business Initiative
- iv. *Who should attend:* All members of the Howard County BRAC Task Force
- v. *Who may want to attend:* Anyone who has interest in what other BRAC installations are doing or an interest in how Howard County is preparing to accept BRAC related families.

b. Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) Meeting:

- i. Date: 10 September 2009, 3:30 to 5:00 PM
- ii. Location: 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive (5th Floor), Columbia, MD 21046
- iii. Agenda: Focus on regional issues and alignment of communications
- iv. *Who should attend:* All members of the RGMC
- v. *Who may want to attend:* Those who have an interest on how the Fort Meade region can better speak with "One Voice" on Fort Meade related issues, resources and requirements.

2. Discussion:

a. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) Q & A

- i. **When will be the next BBI In Progress Review (IPR) be held?** 13 October from 8 to 10 AM at the Other Barn in Columbia.
- ii. **How and when can we become a Test Company?** Currently, we do not know when we will select the next group of Test Companies. It will depend upon our experiences with the current 21 Test Companies. I will send out a BRAC BIT when that time comes!
- iii. **What are the next steps for Partner Companies?** We are in the process of building a networking matrix consisting of over 150 Partner Companies. That matrix will be complete and sent out to all Partner Companies by the end of September. Our plan calls for a BBI Partnership and Networking meeting on 21 October from 8-10 AM. More to follow.

b. CYBER BITS:

- i. **Cyberspace:** "The interdependent network of information technology infrastructures, and includes the internet, telecommunications networks, computer systems and embedded processors and controllers in critical industries." (NSPED-54/HSPD-23)
- ii. **Cyber-quote:** "The nation's critical infrastructure and many of our military operations depend on unfettered access to cyberspace.....Maintaining freedom of action in cyberspace in the 21st century is as inherent to US interests as freedom of the seas was in the 19th century and access to air and space in the 20th century....As the Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Network Warfare, it is my responsibility to support USSTRATCOM's mission to plan, coordinate, and conduct offensive and defensive cyberspace operations"
(Lt. Gen Keith Alexander, 5 May 2009)